

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 212

BY REPRESENTATIVE WADDELL

COURTS/FEDERAL: Authorizes a federal judge to perform a marriage ceremony for a specified limited time period

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 9:203(E)(8), relative to marriage officiants, judges, and justices of the peace;
3 to provide for the extension of authority for certain federal judges to preside over a
4 marriage ceremony for a particular period of time; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:203(E)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §203. Officiant; judges and justices of the peace

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11 (8) A judge of a court of the United States whose official duty station
12 includes a parish having a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand but
13 less than two hundred seventy-five thousand persons according to the latest
14 decennial census may perform marriage ceremonies within such parish. The
15 authority granted by this Paragraph shall be effective only from July 1, 2010, through
16 July 31, 2010.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.
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DIGEST

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HB No. 212

Abstract: Authorizes a federal judge in certain parishes to perform a marriage ceremony between July 1 and July 31, 2010.

Proposed law authorizes a judge of a court of the U.S. whose official duty station includes a parish having a population between 250,000 and 275,000 to perform marriage ceremonies within that parish.

Proposed law grants the authority from July 1, 2010, through July 31, 2010.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 9:203(E)(8))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Provided technical amendments.
2. Added emergency effective date.